

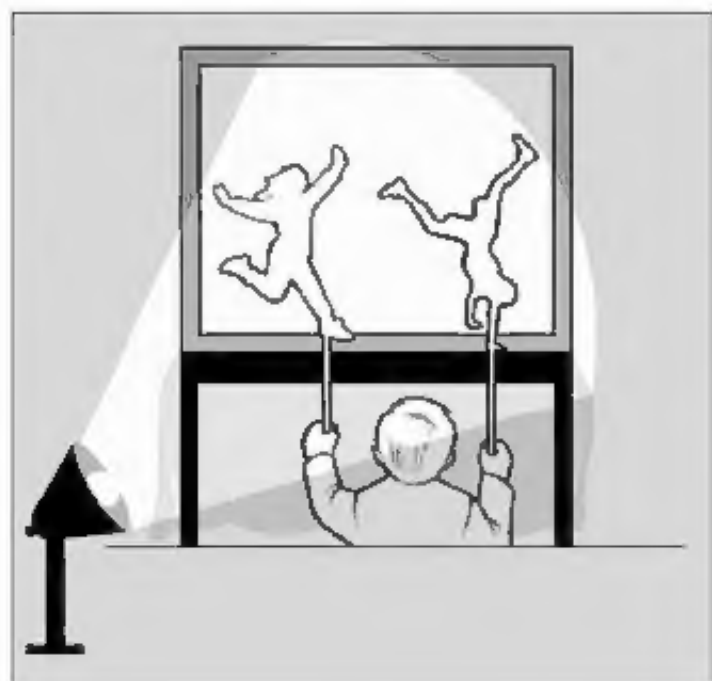
Shadow Puppet Theatre

Description:

Children will create a shadow puppet theater with the help of an adult.

Materials:

large piece of cardboard, scissors or knife for adult use, ruler, pencil or marker, tracing paper or very thin white paper large enough to fit over the cardboard, masking tape, shadeless or directional lamp



Procedure:

Tell your child that the two of you are going to make a stage for shadow puppets. Using the ruler and a pencil or pen, draw a rectangle on the cardboard. Cut out the rectangle with the scissors or knife. Take the paper, lay it over the back of the stage opening, and tape it so it is taut and wrinkle-free. Now tape the cardboard stage to the edge of a table. Place a lamp or a directional light behind the stage so it shines through the screen toward the audience. Put a tablecloth over the front of the table so the audience can't see beneath the table. Then have your child crouch behind the table between the stage and the light source. Be sure to place the puppets right up against the white paper. Now you are ready to put on a shadow puppet play!

Tips:

Use the puppet tools in *JumpStart Artist* to create an assortment of shadow puppets. Print the puppets and glue them onto plastic spoons, straws, or craft sticks. To make the arms and legs move, print the pieces separately and attach them with small brads or paper fasteners. Glue a straw onto each moving piece.

Just for Kids:

You can put on a puppet show with the shadow puppets you made in *JumpStart Artist*. But first you must make a shadow puppet theater, which is a bit different from the theaters you're used to. During a shadow puppet show, lights shine from behind the puppets and project their shadows onto the screen.